# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

## **FISCAL NOTE**



### **HB 3169**

March 16, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes any officer or employee of a local or state government entity to bill the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) for any cost attained in removal, burial, or destruction of a dead animal found in a roadway, median, right-of-way or berm. Requires TWRA to reimburse any such governmental entity within 30 days of receiving such bill. Exempts a local government entity from the need to acquire an animal destruction permit or kill tag from TWRA prior to destroying an animal carcass that has been removed from a roadway.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase State Expenditures - \$95,000/Wildlife Resources Fund

**Increase Local Revenue - \$95,000** 

#### Assumptions:

- It is assumed that only local government entities will bill the TWRA to remove an animal carcass.
- The amount a local government will bill the state for such removal, burial, or destruction is unknown.
- It is estimated that such amount will average \$50 (\$25 per man hour + \$25 for any necessary expenses including bags, gloves, shovels, gas, etc.).
- It is estimated that there will be 1,900 requests for reimbursement annually (20 per county x 95 counties), resulting in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$95,000 (1,900 x \$50).

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director